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ZIMMER, INC., an Indiana corporation; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

THEODORE WEBER and MARCIA WEBER

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13	Plaintiffs, )	Assigned for all purposes to: Judge Judge Geoffrey T. Glass
14	vs. )	Dept.
15	ZIMMER, INC., an Indiana corporation; and DOES)	COMPLAINT FOR:
16	1 through 20, inclusive,	(1) STRICT PRODUCT LIABILITY, (2) NEGLIGENCE,
17 18	Defendants. )	(3) BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, (4) BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY,
19	, ; )	(5) BREACH OF SONG-BEVERLY, CONSUMER WARRANTY ACT, and
20	ý	(6) LOSS OF CONSORTIUM  JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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2,5	Plaintiffs THEODORF WERER and MARCI	A WEBER ("Plaintiffs"), allege on information and
26	belief against ZIMMER, INC., an Indiana corporation	
27	("Defendants"), the following:	**************************************
28	(Detendants), the following.	
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### INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF ACTION

- (hereinafter the "Durom Hip Device") is prone to fail within approximately two years of implantation despite the fact that such hip implant devices are designed to last more than fifteen years. They have also known that the implant's metal "ball" and "socket" bearings that make up the hip-joint generate metal debris over time from wear and tear that can spread throughout the patient's surrounding bone and tissue. As a result of these defects, patients that have had the devices implanted have endured, or will endure, unnecessary pain and suffering; debilitating lack of mobility; inflammation causing damage or death to surrounding tissue and bone; and a subsequent more difficult revision surgery to replace the faulty devices giving rise to more debilitation, a prolonged recovery time, and an increased risk of complications and death from surgery. But rather than recalling the Durom Hip Devices upon first receiving notice in 2008 of complaints made to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration ("FDA") and receiving direct notice of the defects discussed above, Defendants continued to aggressively market the Durom Hip Devices, claiming that that they were a safe and effective hip replacement system.
- 2. In July 2008, Defendants issued an "Urgent Device Correction" letter which suspended marketing of the Durom Hip Devices in the United States, stating that US surgeons needed additional training and that Defendants would revise the product labeling for the Durom Hip Devices. The letter also stated that once training and labeling revision was complete, Defendants would reinstate marketing of the Durom Hip Devices in the United States.
- 3. Plaintiff's suffering could easily have been prevented. Plaintiff and those like him would not have suffered from unnecessary pain and debilitation, and the need to undergo subsequent revision surgery had Defendants warned the public of the dangers of the Durom Hip Implant-Devices after 2008 when dozens of complaints began being made both to the Defendants and to the FDA regarding the device's failures. Or, even better, would have been if Defendants had taken the affirmative step of recalling the Durm Hip Implant Devices at that time, as opposed to continuing to aggressively market the Drum Hip Implant Devices. But Defendants' failure to recall these devices places on thousands of

Americans, including Plaintiff, the burden of living with the consequences of these faulty devices for years, if not the rest of their lives. Plaintiff seeks redress for his injuries.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiffs THEODORE WEBER and MARCIA WEBER, who are and were at all relevant times herein, citizens of the State of California and reside in the County of Orange, California.
- 5. On information and belief, Defendants ZIMMER, INC. ("Zimmer") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Indiana with its primary place of business in Warsaw, Indiana. Defendant designed, manufactured, and/or sold the Durom Hip Implant Device that is the subject of this lawsuit.
- 6. The true names and capacities of Does 1 through 20 are unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of these Defendants are in some way liable for the events referred to in this Complaint and caused damage to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint and insert the correct names and capacities of those Defendants when they are discovered.
- 7. At all times mentioned, each of the Defendants-including DOES 1 through 20-was the representative, agent, employee, joint venturer, or alter ego of each of the other defendants and in doing the things alleged herein was acting within the scope of its authority as such.
  - 8. Zimmer and DOES 1 through 20 are collectively referred to herein as "Defendants."

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- A. The Zimmer Durom Cup System is Defective, Unsafe and Has Not Been Adequately Tested
- 9. The hip joint connects the thigh (femur) bone of a patient's leg to the patient's pelvis. The hip joint is often characterized as a ball and socket joint. The acetabulum is the cup shaped socket portion of the hip and the femoral head (ball) at the top of the femur bone rotates within the curved surface of the acetabulum.
- 10. A total hip system replaces the body's natural joint with an artificial one, usually made out of metal, plastic, or ceramic. A typical hip replacement system consists of four separate components: (1) a femoral stem, (2) a femoral head, (3) a liner (bearing surface), and (4) an acetabular shell. After the surgeon hollows out a patient's femur bone, the metal femoral stem is implanted. The femoral head is

usually a metal ball that is fixed on top of the femoral stem. The femoral head forms the hip joint that can rotate when it is placed inside a plastic, ceramic, or metal liner that is attached to the interior portion of the metal acetabulum cup (socket) comprised of metal on its outer shell. When complete, the femoral stem anchors the metal femoral head that rotates within the liner sitting inside the acetabular cup.

- acetabular liner instead of a polyethylene plastic acetabular liner. The Durom Hip with a metal liner is a "metal-on-metal" device due to the fact that both articulating surfaces the femoral head (ball) and acetabulum liner (socket) are comprised of cobalt-chromium (CoCr) metal. Therefore, the metal-on-metal design forces metal to rub against metal with the full weight and pressure of the human body creating metallic debris to be released into the Plaintiff's hip socket and blood stream. Because of Defendants' defective design for the Durom Hip, hundreds of patients--including Plaintiff--have been forced to undergo surgeries to replace the failed hip implants.
- 12. The Durom Hip is a Class III medical device. Class III devices are those that operate to sustain human life, are of substantial importance in preventing impairment of human health, or pose potentially unreasonable risks to patients.
- The Medical Device Amendments to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act of 1938 ("MDA"), in theory, require Class III medical devices, including the Durom Hip, to undergo premarket approval by the FDA, a process which obligates the manufacturer to design and implement a clinical investigation and submit the results of the investigations to the FDA.
- 14. Premarket approval is a rigorous process that requires a manufacturer to submit what is typically a multivolume application that includes, among other things, full reports of all studies and investigations of the device's safety and effectiveness that have been published or should reasonably be known to the applicant; a full statement of the device's components, ingredients, and properties, and of the principle or principles of operation; a full description of the methods used in, and the facilities and controls used for, the manufacture, processing, and, when relevant, packing and installation of such device; samples or device components required by the FDA; and a specimen of the proposed labeling.

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- 15. The FDA may grant premarket approval only if it finds that there is reasonable assurance that the medical device is safe and effective and must weigh any probable benefit to health from the use of the device against any probable risk of injury or illness from such use.
- 16. A medical device on the market prior to the effective date of the MDA a so-called "grandfathered" device was not required to undergo premarket approval.
- In addition, a medical device marketed after the MDA's effective date may bypass the rigorous premarket approval process if the device is "substantially equivalent" to a pre-MDA device (i.e., a device approved prior to May 28, 1976). This exception to premarket approval is known as the "510(k)" process and simply requires the manufacturer to notify the FDA under section 510(k) of the MDA of its intent to market a device at least 90 days prior to the device's introduction on the market, and to explain the device's substantial equivalence to a pre-MDA predicate device. The FDA may then approve the new device for sale in the United States.
- 18. The MDA does not require an FDA determination that the device is in fact, substantially equivalent to a grandfathered device.
- 19. Instead of assuring the safety of the Durom Hip through clinical trials, Defendants sought to market the Durom Hip without conducting any clinical trials by obtaining FDA approval under section 510(k). To that end, Defendants submitted a section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the Durom Hip.
- 20. By telling the FDA that the Durom Hip's design was "substantially equivalent" to other hip components and products on the market, Defendants were able to avoid the safety review required for premarket approval under FDA regulations including clinical trials.
- 21. The FDA cleared the Durom Hip for sale by means of the abbreviated 510(k) process and consequently the FDA did not require the Durom Hip to undergo clinical trials.
- 22. The 510(k) notification for the Durom Hip includes Defendants assertion that it believes the Durom Hip to be substantially equivalent to devices that had never been reviewed for safety and effectiveness.

- 23. Significantly, unlike the premarket approval process, the 510(k) notification process does not call for scrutiny – or even clinical testing – of a device's safety and effectiveness.
- 24. A finding of substantial equivalence is not equivalent to a finding of a device's safety and effectiveness.
- 25. Thus, the FDA's finding of "substantial equivalence" had nothing to do with reviewing the Durom Hip's safety and effectiveness, but rather only a determination of equivalence to devices that they underwent no safety and effectiveness review.

Defendants Have Continued to Market the Durom Hip Despite Hundreds of Reported Adverse Events – As Such, Defendants Should Have Recalled Or Notified The Public and Health Care Industry of The Defective Problems.

- 26. Defendants have received hundreds of reports associated with the Durom Hip since 2008, and the number is expected to grow. From January 1, 2011 to July 30, 2011, the FDA received over 300 self-reported adverse events regarding the Durom Hip (metal-on-metal). Reported symptoms range from pain, infection, inflammation, feeling as if dislocating, loosening of the implant and necrotic tissue in and around the hip joint, catastrophic failure, premature wear, disarticulation, and disassembly.
- 27. Defendants have continued to receive hundreds of similar complaints since 2008 reporting that the Durom Hip had failed and forced patients to undergo painful and risky surgery to remove and replace the failed hip.
- 28. Consequently, Defendants were fully aware that the Durom Hip was defective and that dozens of patients already had been injured by the Durom Hip. Based on this information, Defendants should have recalled the Durom Hip in 2008. At a minimum, Defendants should have permanently stopped selling the defective implant when it became aware that it had catastrophically failed in patients. Despite the retraining and revision to product labeling, patients continued to report failures of the Durom Hip.
- 29. Had Defendants conducted clinical trials of the Durom Device before it was first released on the market in the late 2000's, they would have discovered at that time what they ultimately learned in and around 2008 that the Durom Hip results in a high percentage of patients developing pain,

metallosis, biologic toxicity and an early and high failure rate due to the release and accumulation of metal particles in the patient's surrounding tissue when there is friction (wear or edge-loading) of the cobalt-chromium metal femoral head that rotates within the cobalt-chromium metal acetabular liner.

- 30. The metallic particulates released by friction of the metal-on-metal surfaces can become toxic causing metallosis or cobaltism giving rise to pseudotumors or other conditions. The formation of metallosis, pseudotumors, and infection and inflammation causes severe pain and discomfort, death of surrounding tissue and bone loss, and a lack of mobility.
- 31. Despite the knowledge of the Durom Hip's defect and that it had failed hundreds of times, causing hundreds of patients to undergo the agony of another surgery, Defendants continued to market and sell the defective Durom Hip implant. In so doing, Zimmer actively concealed the known defect from doctors and patients—including Plaintiff and his doctor—and misrepresented that the Durom Hip was a safe and effective medical device.
- 32. Despite knowledge by these Defendants, Defendants failed to warn medical providers and/or their customers of the unreasonable dangers associated with the Durom Hip and allowed for the continued sale and installation into patients' bodies.
- 33. To this day, Defendants continue to sell the defective Durom Hip to unsuspecting patients without any warning about the risks or the failures that have been reported over the years.
- 34. Defendants marketed the Durom Hip as high performance hip replacements and as superior products that would allow patients to return to their more active lifestyles. Defendants also advertised that the Durom Hip would last longer than other hip replacement products.
- 35. Defendants have known for years that implantation of their Durom Hip and other metal-on-metal total hip replacement systems results in metallosis, biologic toxicity and an early and high failure rate. Once the body is exposed to and absorbs the toxic metallic ions and particulate debris from the Durom Hip, inflammation occurs, causing severe pain, necrosis (death) of the surrounding tissue and bone loss. Pseudotumors also develop and grow as a direct and proximate result of the toxic metallic particles and ions released from the metal-on-metal hip components.
  - 36. There is no non-surgical solution for elevated cobalt levels.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND JURY DEMAND

- 37. In 2006, Mr. Weber underwent surgical procedures to implant the Durom Hip Implant Device in his hip.
- 38. Following his hip surgery, Mr. Weber suffered from ongoing discomfort and pain in his hip. It became increasingly painful for him to move, bear weight and walk, to move his legs, and to rise from a seated position, to walk and he suffered loss of and limitation of motion.
- 39. Mr. Weber underwent revision surgery to remove his failed Durom Hip Implant Device in his hip and replace it with a new hip implant system on May 5, 2016.
- 40. Despite Mr. Weber's reasonable efforts to ascertain the cause of his ongoing discomfort and pain, he was not aware that his discomfort and pain were the result of wrongdoing until May 2016, when he was advised he required revision of his failed Durom Hip Implant Device.
- 41. Revision surgeries are generally more complex than the original hip replacement surgery, often because there is a reduced amount of bone in which to place the new hip implants. Revision surgeries also usually take longer than the original hip replacement surgery and the revision surgery has a higher rate of complications.

The Defective Durom Hip Implant Device And The Defendants' Conduct Caused Permanent Injuries And Substantial Damages to Mr. Weber.

42. Having to go through a revision surgery subjects Mr. Weber to much greater risks of future complications than he had before the revision surgery. For example, several studies have found that revision surgery has a much higher risk of dislocation compared with an original hip replacement surgery. In one study conducted by Charlotte Phillips and her colleagues at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, 14.4 percent of patients who underwent a revision surgery suffered from a dislocation compared with 3.9 percent of patients who underwent a original hip replacement surgery. In other words, hip replacement patients who have undergone a revision surgery are almost four times more likely to suffer from a hip dislocation than those who have not. (Phillips CB, et al. Incidence rates of dislocation,

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pulmonary embolism, and deep infection during the first six months after elective total hip replacement. American Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery 2003; 85:20-26:).

As a direct and proximate result of the failure of his defective Durom Hip Implant Device 43. and the Defendants' wrongful conduct, Mr. Weber sustained and continues to suffer economic damages (including medical and hospital expenses), severe and possibly permanent injuries, pain, suffering and emotional distress, loss of earning capacity, and loss of wages. As a result, Mr. Weber has sustained and will continue to sustain damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but which will far exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

## Strict Product Liability) Against All Defendants

- Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully 44. set forth here and further allege as follows:
- Defendants designed, manufactured, promoted, distributed, marketed, and sold the Durom 45. Hip Implant Device.
- At all times material hereto, the Durom Hip Implant Device that was designed, 46. manufactured, promoted, distributed, marketed, and sold by the Defendants was expected to reach, and did reach, prescribing physicians and consumers, including Mr. Weber, without substantial change in the condition in which it was sold.
- At all times material hereto, the Durom Hip Implant Device that was designed, 47. manufactured, promoted, distributed, marketed, and sold by the Defendants was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition at the time it was placed in the stream of commerce. Such condition included, but is not limited to, one or more of the following particulars:
- When placed in the stream of commerce, the Durom Hip Implant Device contained (a) manufacturing defects, subjecting Mr. Weber and others to risks, including the risk that the acetabular component would not properly grow into the bone, causing the hip system to prematurely fail and requiring a complex, risky, and painful surgery to remove and replace the defective product;

- (b) When placed in the stream of commerce, the Durom Hip Implant Device contained unreasonably dangerous design defects and was not reasonably safe for the intended use, subjecting Ms. Weber and others to risks, including the risk that the acetabular component would not properly grow into the bone, causing the hip system to prematurely fail and requiring a complex, risky, and painful surgery to remove and replace the defective product;
  - (c) The Durom Hip Implant Device was insufficiently tested; and
- (d) The Durom Hip Implant Device was not accompanied by adequate instructions and/or warnings to fully inform Mr. Weber or his physicians of the full nature or extent of the risks associated with its use.
- Durom Hip Implant Device, as well as the defective nature of the Durom Hip Implant Device. Despite this knowledge, Defendants continued to manufacture, sell, distribute, promote and supply the Durom Hip Implant Device so as to maximize sales and profits at the expense of the public health and safety. Defendants' conduct was done in conscious disregard of the foreseeable harm caused by the Durom Hip Implant Device and in conscious disregard for the rights and safety of consumers such as Mr. Weber.
- 49. Mr. Weber and his doctor used the Zimmer Durom Hip System as directed for its intended purpose.
- Defendants knew that it was to be used by the user without inspection for defects therein. Moreover, neither Mr. Weber nor his physician knew or had reason to know at the time of the use of the subject products, of the existence of the aforementioned defects. Neither Mr. Weber nor his physicians could have discovered the defects in the Durom Hip Implant Device through the reasonable exercise of care.
- 51. The Durom Hip Implant Device had not been materially altered or modified prior to its implantation in Mr. Weber.
- 52. As a direct and proximate result of the failure of the defective Durom Hip Implant Device, Plaintiff suffered the injuries and damages as described herein.

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# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Negligence) Against All Defendants

- 53. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth here and further allege as follows:
- 54. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care in the design, manufacture, testing, marketing and distribution into the stream of commerce of the Durom Hip Implant Devices, including a duty to insure that the Durom Hip Implant Devices did not pose a significantly increased risk of adverse events.
- 55. Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care in the design, manufacture, testing, marketing and distribution into the stream of commerce of the Durom Hip Implant Devices. Defendants knew or should have known that the Durom Hip Implant Devices could fail early in patients, therefore giving rise to pain and suffering, debilitation, and the need for a revision surgery to replace the device with the attendant risks of complications and death from such further surgery, and therefore was not safe for use by Plaintiff.
- Devices could fail early in patients, therefore giving rise to pain and suffering, debilitation, and the need for a revision surgery to replace the device with the attendant risks of complications and death from such further surgery, Defendants continued to market the Durom Hip Implant Devices as a safe and effective hip replacement systems.
  - 57. In so doing, the Defendants failed to act as a reasonable manufacturer of hip implants.
- 58. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff has suffered significant damages, including but not limited to physical injury, economic loss, pain and suffering, and the need for further surgery to replace the faulty device, and will continue to suffer such damages in the future.

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# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Implied Warranties) Against all Defendants

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- 59. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth here and further allege as follows:
- 60. Prior to the time that the Durom Hip Implant Device was used by Mr. Weber, Defendants impliedly warranted to Mr. Weber and his physicians that the Durom Hip Implant Device was of merchantable quality and safe and fit for the use for which it was intended.
- 61. Mr. Weber and his physicians were and are unskilled in the research, design and manufacture of the Durom Hip Implant Device, and they reasonably relied entirely on the skill, judgment and implied warranty of Defendants in using the Durom Hip Implant Device.
- 62. The Durom Hip Implant Device was neither safe for its intended use nor of merchantable quality, as warranted by Defendants, in that it had dangerous propensities when put to its intended use and would cause severe injuries to the user.
- 63. Defendants, by selling, delivering and/or distributing the defective Durom Hip Implant Device to Mr. Weber breached the implied warranty of merchantability and fitness and caused Mr. Weber to suffer severe pain and emotional distress, incur medical expenses, and incur a loss of earning capacity.
- 64. As a result of the aforementioned breach of implied warranties by Defendants, Plaintiff suffered injuries and damages as alleged herein.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Express Warranty) Against all Defendants

- 65. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth here and further allege as follows:
- 66. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants expressly warranted to Mr. Weber and Mr. Weber's physicians, by and through statements made by Defendants or their authorized agents or sales representatives, orally and in publications, package inserts and other written materials intended for

physicians, medical patients and the general public, that the aforementioned Durom Hip Implant Device was safe, effective, fit and proper for its intended use.

- 67. In utilizing the aforementioned Durom Hip Implant Device, Mr. Weber and his physicians relied on the skill, judgment, representations and foregoing express warranties of Defendants.
- 68. Said warranties and representations were false in that the aforementioned Durom Hip Implant Device was not safe and was unfit for the uses for which it was intended.
- 69. As a result of the foregoing breach of express warranties by Defendants, Plaintiff suffered injuries and damages as alleged herein.

# (Breach of Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty) Against All Defendants

- 70. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth here and further allege as follows:
- 71. Defendants manufactured the Durom Hip Implant Device, an "assistive device" as defined by the Song Beverly Act, for the purpose of its eventual retail sale to buyers in California.
  - 72. In 2007, Defendants sold to Mr. Weber the Durom Hip Implant Devices.
- 73. Pursuant to California Civil Code section 1792, the sale to Mr. Weber of the Durom Hip Implant Device was accompanied by Defendants' implied warranty that the Durom Hip Implant Device was of merchantable quality.
- 74. Defendants breached the implied warranty that the Durom Hip Implant Device was merchantable because it was not fit for the ordinary purposes for which the goods are used.

  Consequently, Mr. Weber did not receive merchantable goods as impliedly warranted by Defendants.
- 75. At the time of the sale of the Durom Hip Implant Device to Mr. Weber, Defendants had reason to know that the Durom Hip Implant Device was required for a particular purpose and that Mr. Weber and his physicians were relying on Defendants' skill or judgment to select or furnish suitable goods.
- 76. Mr. Weber and his physicians relied upon Defendants' skill and judgment to select or furnish suitable goods.

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COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND JURY DEMAND

PRAYER FOR RELIEF 1 THEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment for the following: 2 1. Past and future medical and incidental expenses, according to proof: 3 2. Past and future loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, according to proof; 4 3. Past and future general damages, including damages for loss of consortium, according to proof; 5 4. Punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be determined at trial; 6 7 5. Prejudgment and post judgment interest; 6. Attorneys' fees pursuant to the Song-Beverly Act and Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5; 8 9 7. Costs to bring this action; and 8. Such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper. 10 11 HODES MILMAN LIEBECK, LLP Dated: March 9, 2017 12 13 14 By: Jeffrey A. Milman 15 Benjamin T. Ikuta 9210 Irvine Center Drive 16 Irvine, California 92618 17 (949) 640-8222 18 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 19 DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL 20 Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial on all claims so triable in this action. 21 22 HODES MILMAN LIEBECK, LLP Dated: March 9, 2017 23 By: 24 Jeffrey A. Milman Benjamin T. Ikuta 25 9210 Irvine Center Drive 26 Irvine, California 92618 (949):640-8222 27 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 28 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND JURY DEMAND

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Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)	Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case
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Defamation (13)	Commercial (31)	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)
intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
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Employment Wrongful termination (36)	Writ of mandate (02)	Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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#### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check. one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A coversheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party. its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

**Auto Tort** Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (# the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PUPD/WD (Personal injury) Proporty Damage/Wrongful Death)

> Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injuryi Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)
> Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23) Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall) Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD

(e.g., assault, vandalism) Intentional infliction of **Emotional Distress** 

Negligent Infliction of **Emotional Distress** Other PL/PD/MD

Non-P#PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07) Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,

false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08) Defemation (e.g., stander, libel)

(13) Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19) Professional Negligence (25) Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal) Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

**Employment** 

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detained or wrongful eviction)
Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller

Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09) Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections Case Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation Other Coverage

Other Contract (37) Contractual Fraud Other Contract Dispute

Roal Property Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14) Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landiord/lenant, or

foreclosure) Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31) Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)

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Writ of Mandale (02)
Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case Review

Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal.

Construction Defect (10) Claims involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28) Environmental/Texic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims

Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41) Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County) Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations) Sister State Judgment Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42) Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (non-

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Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)
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(non-tort/non-complex)
Miscellaneous Civi) Petition

Pertnership and Corporate Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified above) (43) Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse **Election Contest** Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late

Claim Other Civil Petition

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Ì	DEFENDANT:Zimmer, Inc.	Clerk of the Superior Court
	Short Title: Weber vs. Zimmer, Inc.	By: Jude Carney, Deputy
¥	NOTICE OF HEARING	CASE NUMBER: 30-2017-00909045-CU-PL-CJC

Please take notice that a(n), <u>Case Management Conference</u> has been scheduled for hearing on <u>09/18/2017</u> at <u>09:00:00 AM</u> in Department <u>C32</u> of this court, located at <u>Central Justice Center</u>.

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I certify that I am not a party to this cause. I certify that a true copy of the above Notice of Hearing has been placed for collection and mailing so as to cause it to be mailed in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid pursuant to standard court practice and addressed as indicated below. The certification occurred at Santa Ana. California, on 04/21/2017. Following standard court practice the mailing will occur at Sacramento. California on 04/24/2017.

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE

### NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF(S) AND/OR CROSS-COMPLAINANT(S):

Rule 3.221(c) of the California Rules of Court requires you to serve a copy of the ADR Information Package along with the complaint and/or cross-complaint.

California Rules of Court – Rule 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- (a) Each court shall make available to the plaintiff, at the time of filing of the complaint, an ADR Information Package that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:
  - (1) General information about the potential advantages and disadvantages of ADR and descriptions of the principal ADR processes.
  - (2) Information about the ADR programs available in that court, including citations to any applicable local court rules and directions for contacting any court staff responsible for providing parties with assistance regarding ADR.
  - (3) Information about the availability of local dispute resolution programs funded under the Dispute Resolutions Program Act (DRPA), in counties that are participating in the DRPA. This information may take the form of a list of the applicable programs or directions for contacting the county's DRPA coordinator.
  - (4) An ADR stipulation form that parties may use to stipulate to the use of an ADR process.
- (b) A court may make the ADR Information Package available on its Web site as long as paper copies are also made available in the clerk's office.
- (c) The plaintiff must serve a copy of the ADR Information Package on each defendant along with the complaint. Cross-complainants must serve a copy of the ADR Information Package on any new parties to the action along with the cross-complaint.

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

#### ADR Information

#### Introduction.

Most civil disputes are resolved without filing a lawsuit, and most civil lawsuits are resolved without a trial. The courts and others offer a variety of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes to help people resolve disputes without a trial. ADR is usually less formal, less expensive, and less time-consuming than a trial. ADR can also give people more opportunity to determine when and how their dispute will be resolved.

#### BENEFITS OF ADR.

Using ADR may have a variety of benefits, depending on the type of ADR process used and the circumstances of the particular case. Some potential benefits of ADR are summarized below.

Save Time. A dispute often can be settled or decided much sooner with ADR; often in a matter of months, even weeks, while bringing a lawsuit to trial can take a year or more.

Save Money. When cases are resolved earlier through ADR, the parties may save some of the money they would have spent on attorney fees, court costs, experts' fees, and other litigation expenses.

Increase Control Over the Process and the Outcome. In ADR, parties typically play a greater role in shaping both the process and its outcome. In most ADR processes, parties have more opportunity to tell their side of the story than they do at trial. Some ADR processes, such as mediation, allow the parties to fashion creative resolutions that are not available in a trial. Other ADR processes, such as arbitration, allow the parties to choose an expert in a particular field to decide the dispute.

**Preserve Relationships.** ADR can be a less adversarial and hostile way to resolve a dispute. For example, an experienced mediator can help the parties effectively communicate their needs and point of view to the other side. This can be an important advantage where the parties have a relationship to preserve.

Increase Satisfaction. In a trial, there is typically a winner and a loser. The loser is not likely to be happy, and even the winner may not be completely satisfied with the outcome. ADR can help the parties find win-win solutions and achieve their real goals. This, along with all of ADR's other potential advantages, may increase the parties' overall satisfaction with both the dispute resolution process and the outcome.

Improve Attorney-Client Relationships. Attorneys may also benefit from ADR by being seen as problem-solvers rather than combatants. Quick, cost-effective, and satisfying resolutions are likely to produce happier clients and thus generate repeat business from clients and referrals of their friends and associates.

### DISADVANTAGES OF ADR.

ADR may not be suitable for every dispute.

Loss of protections. If ADR is binding, the parties normally give up most court protections, including a decision by a judge or jury under formal rules of evidence and procedure, and review for legal error by an appellate court.

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Less discovery. There generally is less opportunity to find out about the other side's case with ADR than with litigation. ADR may not be effective if it takes place before the parties have sufficient information to resolve the dispute.

Additional costs. The neutral may charge a fee for his or her services. If a dispute is not resolved through ADR, the parties may have to put time and money into both ADR and a lawsuit.

Effect of delays if the dispute is not resolved. Lawsuits must be brought within specified periods of time, known as statues of limitation. Parties must be careful not to let a statute of limitations run out while a dispute is in an ADR process.

#### TYPES OF ADR IN CIVIL CASES.

The most commonly used ADR processes are arbitration, mediation, neutral evaluation and settlement conferences.

**Arbitration.** In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are often relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "nonbinding." *Binding arbitration* means that the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. Generally, there is no right to appeal an arbitrator's decision. *Nonbinding* arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they do not accept the arbitrator's decision.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Be Appropriate. Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

Cases for Which Arbitration May Not Be Appropriate. If parties want to retain control over how their dispute is resolved, arbitration, particularly binding arbitration, is not appropriate. In binding arbitration, the parties generally cannot appeal the arbitrator's award, even if it is not supported by the evidence or the law. Even in nonbinding arbitration, if a party requests a trial and does not receive a more favorable result at trial than in arbitration, there may be penalties.

**Mediation.** In mediation, an impartial person called a "mediator" helps the parties try to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of the dispute. The mediator does not decide the dispute but helps the parties communicate so they can try to settle the dispute themselves. Mediation leaves control of the outcome with the parties.

Cases for Which Mediation May Be Appropriate. Mediation may be particularly useful when parties have a relationship they want to preserve. So when family members, neighbors, or business partners have a dispute, mediation may be the ADR process to use. Mediation is also effective when emotions are getting in the way of resolution. An effective mediator can hear the parties out and help them communicate with each other in an effective and nondestructive manner.

Cases for Which Mediation May Not Be Appropriate. Mediation may not be effective if one of the parties is unwilling to cooperate or compromise. Mediation also may not be effective if one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

**Neutral Evaluation.** In neutral evaluation, each party gets a chance to present the case to a neutral person called an "evaluator." The evaluator then gives an opinion on the strengths and weaknesses of each party's evidence and arguments and about how the dispute could be resolved. The evaluator is

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often an expert in the subject matter of the dispute. Although the evaluator's opinion is not binding, the parties typically use it as a basis for trying to negotiate a resolution of the dispute.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Be Appropriate. Neutral evaluation may be most appropriate in cases in which there are technical issues that require special expertise to resolve or the only significant issue in the case is the amount of damages.

Cases for Which Neutral Evaluation May Not Be Appropriate. Neutral evaluation may not be appropriate when there are significant personal or emotional barriers to resolving the dispute.

Settlement Conferences. Settlement conferences may be either mandatory or voluntary. In both types of settlement conferences, the parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or a neutral person called a "settlement officer" to discuss possible settlement of their dispute. The judge or settlement officer does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. Settlement conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory settlement conferences are often held close to the date a case is set for trial.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

In addition to mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, and settlement conferences, there are other types of ADR, including conciliation, fact finding, mini-trials, and summary jury trials. Sometimes parties will try a combination of ADR types. The important thing is to try to find the type or types of ADR that are most likely to resolve your dispute.

To locate a dispute resolution program or neutral in your community:

- Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Consumer Information Center, toll free, 1-800-852-5210
- Contact the Orange County Bar Association at (949) 440-6700
- Look in the telephone directories under "Arbitrators" or "Mediators"

Free mediation services are provided under the Orange County Dispute Resolution Program Act (DRPA) For information regarding DRPA, contact:

- Community Service Programs, Inc. (949) 250-4058
- Orange County Human Relations (714) 480-6572

For information on the Superior Court of California, County of Orange court ordered arbitration program, refer to Local Rule 360.

The Orange County Superior Court offers programs for Civil Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE). For the Civil Mediation program, mediators on the Court's panel have agreed to accept a fee of \$300 for up to the first two hours of a mediation session. For the ENE program, members of the Court's panel have agreed to accept a fee of \$300 for up to three hours of an ENE session. Additional information on the Orange County Superior Court Civil Mediation and Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) programs is available on the Court's website at www.occourts.org.

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